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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Key West Bureau--February 1985

I. GENERAL

On 21 February bureau received the "100 Percent Submittal" on base housing project, including about 500 pages of specs and 37 drawings. Both bureau and local NAS Public Works office have submitted comments/suggestions through their respective chains of command. Next phase is preparation of "Final Submittal" followed by design release and advertising of bids, hopefully some time in early April.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

February was an unusually busy month, with outgoing publishable wordage the highest since March 1984. Fidel Castro kept both Key West and Panama staff gainfully employed with a number of recorded and published interviews, including a 4-hour session with PBS newscaster Robert MacNeil broadcast by Havana on 15 February. The Cuban Communist Party held a plenum which demoted/promoted several Politburo members in a shakeup related to both ideological and economic matters. Other highlights from Cuba included the conclusion of Foreign Minister Malmierca's visit to the USSR and East Europe, Mexican Foreign Secretary Sepulveda's visit to Havana, and ongoing reaction to events in Central America.

Havana Radio produced an innovation with the promotion of radio contests promising prizes/special material incentives to listeners first to call in with the right answers to questions on revolution slogans, economic campaigns, etc.

The Dominican Republic economic situation continued to cause unrest with continuation of strikes, but no serious violence was reported.

B. Communications

Frequent lengthy outages continue to plague the Caribbean News Agency (CANA) dedicated circuit, with problem apparently centering on the selector switch at RCA New York relay.

C. Technical

1. The experimental 740-ft single-wire Beverage antenna aimed at the Dominican Republic, Haiti and eastern Cuba, installed at the end of January, showed a significant improvement in reception from these targets. We then investigated possibility of installing a full length Beverage at Boca Chica communications site, but orientation of antenna would require installation in an area of dense mangrove swamps. Local NAS Public Works office is researching availability of more suitable terrain on NAS properties. Meanwhile, we are awaiting shipment of coax cable to improve utility of 740-ft antenna. Arrangements are also being made to have cruiser tap off NAVCOMMUNIT's Hermes Loop antenna for evaluation.

2. A variety of different crystals were installed in one of the cruising section's RO printers which led to discovery of additional RTTY services, including a number of Cuban 60 WPM casts.

3. Nonexpendable property received from headquarters during the month included: a) one Extel RO teleprinter model AF-11R, SN: 25917; b) one DELTA SRMC antenna multicoupler, SN: 1117; c) one Collins 651S-1 radio receiver, SN: 2266; and d) one aluminum equipment cart.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT Bureau is still awaiting word on final EOD clearance for
STAT monitor candidate [redacted] and part-time teletypists
[redacted] The local monitorial candidate
who tested well last month has decided to withdraw her name from
consideration for personal reasons. Permission has been requested to
STAT EOD [redacted] currently on LWOP from another component --
for part-time work as admin assistant, specifically to help compile
data bases for new PC system.

B. Building & Grounds

1. NAS Public Works personnel installed a fire pull box on exterior wall, completing tie-in between our new fire alarm system and Trumbo Annex fire station.

2. Authorization was received to sign contract for new fencing around operations building and antenna field, but a last-minute snag developed when NAS Security office posed additional requirements to meet heretofore unknown security specifications. Concern is over possible effect expanded fencing may have on receptivity of our long-wire and loop antennas. Final decision still pending.

IV. VISITS

STAT

On 25 February [] visited Miami on a 1-day TDY to attend a seminar on succession problems in Cuba hosted by the Graduate School of International Studies at University of Miami. Prominent scholars and high-ranking government officials addressed the very worthwhile session.

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Chief, Key West Bureau/FBIS

Attachment:

Production Report

cc: Chief, Panama Bureau

KEY WEST BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 158,580

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: 24,830

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 593

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:	2,575	14,700	21
(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	MIN	MIN	ISSUES

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

BAHAMAS

Nassau Domestic Sservice in English	<u>----</u>	
Nassau THE TRIBUNE in ENGLISH		<u>1,160</u>

BARBADOS

Bridgetown CANA in English		<u>43,400</u>
Bridgetown ADVOCATE in English		<u>1,500</u>
Bridgetownr SUNDAY ADVOCATE in English		<u>----</u>

BELIZE

Belize City Domestic Service in English	<u>1,130</u>
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CUBA

Havana Domestic Service in Spanish	<u>30,420</u>
Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish	<u>42,900</u>

	BROADCASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC			
Santo Domingo Radio Mil in Spanish	<u>1,260</u>		
Santo Domingo Radio Comercial in Spanish	<u>140</u>		
Santo Domingo Radio Popular in Spanish	<u>----</u>		
Santo Domingo LISTIN DIARIO in Spanish			<u>1,680</u>
GUYANA			
Georgetown Guyana Domestic Service in English	<u>----</u>		
JAMAICA			
Kingston Domestic Service in English	<u>1,540</u>		
Kingston DAILY GLEANER in English			<u>----</u>
Kingston SUNDAY GLEANER in English			<u>----</u>
MEXICO			
Mexico City NOTIMEX in Spanish		<u>27,840</u>	
NETHERLANDS ANTILLES			
Bonaire Trans World Radio in English	<u>4,620</u>		
THE NETHERLANDS			
Hilversum International in English	<u>740</u>		
OTHER SOURCES:			
Santo Domingo Domestic Service in English	<u>250</u>		